

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF  
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ART UNIT: 1634  
EXAMINER: KAPUSHOC,  
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FOR: BIOMARKERS FOR GRAFT REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

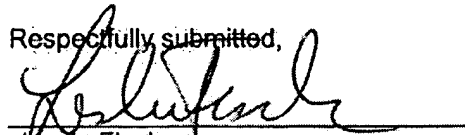
The Office Action of February 13, 2009 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on May 13, 2009. A two-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

The response to said Office Action is a request for filing a continued application of the above-identified application.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$ 490 for payment of the extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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